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TAGS: PLOS, EEC

SUBJ: LOS MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

REF: (A) STATE 116631, (B) EC BRUSSELS 4900, (C) ECA-194

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF A, MISSION OFFICER DELIVERED COPIES OF THE TALKING POINTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO OFFICIALS OF THE EC COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MSR) ASPECTS OF LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES COULD SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS.

2. AN EC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL (LOSSON) PROMISED TO

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BRING OUR DEMARCHE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EC DELEGATION TO THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW YORK AS WELL AS TO MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS. HE NOTED THAT SINCE THE EC DOES NOT HAVE LEGAL COMPETENCE FOR MSR ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBER STATES, ALL IT CAN DO IS TO TRY TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THEY ARE NOT BOUND BY COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS AND DO NOT ALL HOLD THE SAME

VIEWS ON MSR. THIS SAID, HE FELT THAT THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION WAS GENERALLY IN LINE WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARA 6 OF REF A. MOST MEMBER STATES, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT CONSIDERABLE COMPROMISE WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED BY THE DEVELOPED STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, MOST MEMBER STATES DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE TO TOTALLY REJECT THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE 60 OF THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND FAVOR CONCENTRATING THEIR EFFORTS ON DEFINING REASONABLE TERMS FOR CONSENT OR ON STRENGTHENING THE CONCEPT OF "TACIT" RATHER THAN "EXPLICIT" CONSENT.

3. LOSSON SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY DELEGATES TO COMMITTEE III WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK BY JUNE 7 AND WILL PROBABLY HAVE A COORDINATING SESSION THE SAME DAY TO PREPARE THEIR POSITION FOR THE DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JUNE 8.  
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